

Freedom House Forum**Dean, Finletter Split
In Views on Red China**

By Arch Parsons

Two prominent foreign affairs analysts who have held high-ranking positions in shaping United States policy stood firmly opposed to each other yesterday on the issue of what that policy should be toward Communist China, but their debate produced one common view:

The crisis-ridden dispute between the two countries over the future of Formosa is not likely to be resolved for considerable time.

Arthur H. Dean, negotiator of the Korean truce and former ambassador to South Korea under President Eisenhower, said he saw no agreement on the Formosa question that the Red Chinese would keep—the yare not at all concerned with promises—for “a long time.”

Finletter Looks to U. N.

Thomas K. Finletter, Secretary of the Air Force under former President Truman, advocated placing the Formosa issue before the United Nations as a “threat to peace,” but admitted that giving the U. N. “responsibility” for the island—and thus for what remains of Nationalist China—probably would be unacceptable to the Peiping regime.

The two men set forth their positions at an annual luncheon-forum of Freedom House, which was held at the Hotel Roosevelt, Madison Ave. and 45th St. The forum shield each year has a memorial to the late Robert P. Patterson, former Secretary of War, who was president of Freedom House at the time of his death.

The disagreement between Mr. Dean and Mr. Finletter could be summed up as follows:

Mr. Dean argued that the United States would “get nowhere” making concessions to Communist China, because any counter-concessions Peiping

would make are unlikely to be kept. To recognize the Red Chinese government formally, he said, would be to “stabilize communism” throughout the Far East.

“To ‘give up’ Formosa, he declared, would be to endanger our entire defense system in the area—particularly on Okinawa and in Japan and the Philippines—and might make it necessary for us to ‘retreat’ all the way to Hawaii.”

Policy Called Out of Date

Mr. Finletter maintained that American policy toward Formosa is “dangerous, unwise and out of date” and is giving us a reputation for pursuing “colonial” policies in Asia. Taking the issue to the U. N., he said, would show other nations that we wish to be “fair”—and probably would gain support for our position from Asian nations.

He asserted that while Formosa may have been vital to American security in the days when seapower dominated, it

has “never heard a satisfactory explanation” of its military value now that air power is in dominance.

Mr. Finletter did not propose immediate recognition of Communist China by the United States, but he advocated setting forth the specific “conditions” under which this country would make such a move.

The debate was followed by a brief question-and-answer period, with Mr. Dean and Mr. Finletter answering. The questioners were Dr. Nathaniel Pe-

ter, Columbia University professor; Dr. Daniel A. Folsom, editor of “The Christian Herald,” and Edgar Angel Mowrer, the Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist. Among those present at the luncheon were former Gov. Harrison and Mrs. Robert P. Patterson.

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